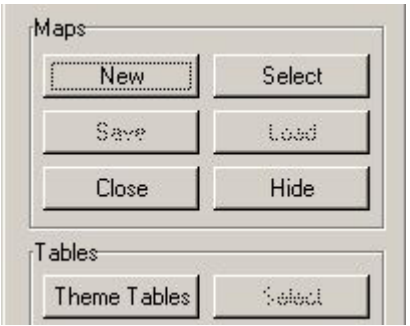


## Appendix A: Definitions

### Overview

#### Definitions

Refer to the following table:

Term	Definition
Control Panel	<p>A control panel is a defined region within a dialog window. Its choices or buttons are offset from other options or choices within the window by a label and, generally, a box outline. “Maps” and “Tables” both represent control panels in the example to the right.</p> 
Coverage	<p><i>Coverage</i> is an ArcView term that effectively means a layer with a name. For instance, “2000 Marshall Crashes” is a layer that contains crash information for Marshall county for crashes that occurred in the year 2000.</p> <p><b>NOTE:</b> <i>Layer</i>, <i>Coverage</i>, and <i>Theme</i> are often used synonymously.</p>
Dialog box	<p>Nearly synonymous with the term <i>window</i>. A dialog box is a specific kind of window that involves user interaction. This interaction typically requires the user to select an item from a list, select an option, or press a button.</p>
AV-SAVER	<p>This is the full name of the software system discussed in the manual. It is usually referred to simply as “SAVER”.</p>
Layer	<p>A <i>layer</i> represents the graphical definition of a set of data. ArcView is mapping software. It builds maps off of the data it is given. Thus, a layer may consist of road data for a given county; crash data for a given year and county; rivers in a given county; and so on. A layer is independent of every other layer.</p> <p><b>NOTE:</b> <i>Layer</i>, <i>Coverage</i>, and <i>Theme</i> are often used synonymously.</p>
Map	<p>This term is used to describe a picture created by a GIS system. This picture represents a computerized blueprint of a region.</p> <p><b>NOTE:</b> This term is often used in exactly the same way as the term <i>view</i>.</p>
Project	<p><i>Projects</i> are the package in which a user saves his or her choices, data, maps, and so on. Thus, they are similar to Word documents or Excel spreadsheets. Whenever the word <i>project</i> is used in this manual, we are referring to one of these files.</p>

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Query	ArcView and GIS-SAVER allow for user-defined queries on the crash and background databases. You have many options for defining search parameters; however, the more complicated a search is, the longer it takes the computer to perform it. <b>NOTE:</b> <i>Search</i> and <i>Query</i> are often used synonymously.
Report	A <i>report</i> is created from a table of information. Reports can be printed “as is” or exported to another software application for further processing.
Search	ArcView and GIS-SAVER allow for user-defined queries on the crash and background databases. You have many options for defining search parameters; however, the more complicated a search is, the longer it takes the computer to perform it. <b>NOTE:</b> <i>Search</i> and <i>Query</i> are often used synonymously.
Stack	A stack is a visual representation on a map of specified data. A stack will appear as a bar or a line, as directed by the user (the user may also control a number of other appearance options for the stack).
Table	Tables form the backbone of the database concept. A table contains attributes and values that uniquely identify those attributes. A table is also a simple organization scheme for information. Several SAVER processes create tables as directed by the user. These tables may be used to create reports that can read, distributed, and printed.
Theme	<i>Theme</i> is an ArcView term that effectively means a layer with a name. For instance, “2000 Marshall Crashes” is a layer that contains crash information for Marshall county for crashes that occurred in the year 2000. <b>NOTE:</b> <i>Layer</i> , <i>Coverage</i> , and <i>Theme</i> are often used synonymously.
View	This term is used to describe a picture created by a GIS system. This picture represents a computerized blueprint of a region. <b>NOTE:</b> This term is often used in exactly the same way as the term <i>map</i> .

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